

Plenary Session

New and Emerging Technologies

Programme: Introductory
remarks - setting the scene

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Panel discussion

Introductory Remarks

- Rapid change in the science base and in technology
changes in patient expectations
knowledge society
health care delivery
- increased demand for innovation
- increased expectation of quality in health care
and “zero tolerance” for safety

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Horizon Scanning

What new technologies and innovations can we expect

Areas for Partnership

- Horizon scanning
(need to plan for handling new technologies)
- dialogue during development
- partnership in risk management
 - pre-conformity assessment
 - post conformity assessment

New and Emerging Technologies

Goal 1

The GHTF will encourage and support the timely identification and introduction of significant new medical technologies.

GHTF Members will determine and implement a process to identify these new technologies and to achieve a harmonised regulatory approach to their management

Panel Questions

- Is dialogue and partnership during development beneficial to industry, regulations and patients
- Can the GHTF Steering Committee identify candidate technologies?

Panel Questions

- How do we:
 - encourage early assessment
 - use a light touch approach
 - encourage not inhibit innovation
 - ensure science leads regulation
 - produce timely advice
 - generate advice/guidance
 - protect commercial confidentiality

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Emerging Risks

- How can we develop partnership in risk management?

What are the next steps ?